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MINISTRY OF HEALTH

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AND

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

1965

To the Chairman and Members of the Maelor Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report for the year 1965.

The births totalled 79, an increase of 12, but the birth rate was below the national rate. There was one death of an infant under one year old. The total deaths numbered 51, compared with 55 in 1964. 37 of the deaths occurred in persons over 65 years of age. There were again only 7 deaths in persons under 55 years.

The incidence of infectious disease continues at a low level, there having been 10 notifications during the year. There were no cases of Diptheria nor of Food Poisoning. There were 3 cases of Scarlet Fever, 7 Measles. One case of Pulmonary Tuberculosis occurred.

The matters receiving most attention during the year were Housing and Food Hygiene. The response to the Improvement Grant schemes continues to be encouraging.

Regular inspections of all food premises have been maintained and the general standard of hygiene is good.

I would like to thank the Chairman and members of the Council for their support, and the officers for their help and co-operation, since I took over from Dr. Cathcart in July.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

D. J. FRASER.

Medical Officer of Health.

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY.

Medical Officers of Health.
Dr. A. Cathcart. M.B.,Ch.B.,D.T.M. & H.,D.P.H. to July.
Dr. D. J. Fraser, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., from July.

Public Health Inspector.

Mr. S. J. V. James. Dip.R.S.H.,C.S.I.B.

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GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area .....29,749 acres.
Population .....4,860.
Rateable Value of District .....£94,810.
Product of a penny rate .....£359.12.2d.
Number of inhabited houses 1511
Number of Council Houses .....191.
Density of persons per house 3.2

POPULATION TRENDS SINCE 1961.

1961.....4,660
1962.....4,670
1963.....4,670
1964.....4,850
1965.....4,860

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS.

Population (R.G. Estimate Mid-Annual) 4,860
Comparability Factor:-

Deaths 1.09
Births 1.11

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

During the year there were 79 births of which 41 were males and 38 females. This is an increase of 12 over the previous year.

There was 1 illegitimate birth during the year.

	Male.	Female.	Total.
Live Births (Legitimate)	41	37	78
Live Births (Illegitimate).....	-	1	1

Birth Rate per 1,000 population.....16.46
England and Wales.....18.1
Percentage of illegitimate live births
to toal live births.....1.26

STILLBIRTHS

There was one Stillbirth during the year.
Rate per 1,000 total live and Stillbirths.....12.50
National Stillbirth rate.....15.7
Total live and Stillbirths.....80
Infant Deaths (deaths under one year).....1

INFANTILE MORTALITY.

There was one death of an infant under the age of 1 year. Death was due to Congenital Malformation.

Infant Mortality Rates:-
Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births.....12.65
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births.....12.82
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births.....NIL
National Infant Mortality Rate.....19.0

NEO-NATAL MORTALITY (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births).

NIL

EARLY NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births)

NIL

PERINATAL MORTALITY (Stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined, per 1,000 total live and stillbirths).....12.50

MATERNAL MORTALITY (Including abortion.)

Number of Deaths.....NIL
Rate per 1,000 total live and stillbirths.....NIL

DEATHS (ALL AGES).

	Male.	Female.	Total.
Deaths.....	28	23	51

Crude Death Rate per 1,000 population.....12.50

Area Comparability Factor.....1.09

Adjusted Death Rate.....13.62

The following table gives the causes of death:-

CAUSES.	Male.	Female.	Total.
1. Tuberculosis Respiratory.....	-	-	-
2. Tuberculosis Other.....	-	-	-
3. Syphilitic Disease.....	-	-	-
4. Diphtheria.....	-	-	-
5. Whooping Cough.....	-	-	-
6. Meningococcal Infection.....	-	-	-
7. Acute Poliomyelitis.....	-	-	-
8. Measles.....	-	-	-
9. Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases.....	-	-	-
10.Malignant Neoplasm (Stomach).....	1	1	2
11. " " (Lung and Bronchus).....	1	-	1
12. " " (Breast).....	-	-	-
13. " " (Uterus).....	-	-	-
14.Other Malignant & Lymphatic Neoplasms.....	3	3	6
15.Leukaemia, aleukaemia.....	-	-	-
16.Diabetes.....	-	-	-
17.Vascular Lesions of Nervous System.....	5	4	9
18.Coronary Disease (Angina).....	5	8	13
19.Hypertension with Heart Disease.....	1	-	1
20.Other Heart Disease.....	1	2	3
21.Other Circulatory Disease.....	-	1	1
22.Influenza.....	-	-	-
23.Pneumonia.....	-	-	-
24.Bronchitis.....	2	-	2
25.Other Disease of Respiratory System.....	-	-	-
26.Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum.....	1	-	1
27.Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea.....	-	1	1
28.Nephritis and Nephrosis.....	-	-	-
29.Hyperplasia of Prostrate.....	-	-	-
30.Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion.....	-	-	-
31.Congenital Malformations.....	1	-	1
32.Other defined and ill-defined Diseases.....	4	3	7
33.Motor Vehicle accidents.....	1	-	1
34.All other accidents.....	2	-	2
35.Suicide.....	-	-	-
36.Homicide and Operations of War.....	-	-	-
Total	28	23	51

CANCER DEATHS.

There were 9 deaths from Cancer during the year compared with 8 for the previous year. There was one death from Lung Cancer, the same figure as for the previous year.

HEART DISEASE.

Heart Disease was responsible for 27 deaths compared with 25 in 1964. Of these, 12 were males and 15 were females.

PULMONARY CAUSES.

There were no deaths from Pulmonary causes compared with 3 in 1964.

NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

During the year, 10 infectious disease notifications were received compared with 16 notified the previous year.

There were no cases of Poliomyelitis.

There were no Food Poisoning notifications received and there were no cases of Diphtheria reported.

Pulmonary Tuberculosis notifications during the year numbered 1, the same figure as the previous year, One male was affected.

Any contacts are X-rayed and skin tested and 13-14 year olds are given B.C.G. Inoculations when necessary.

The following tables give details of the cases notified:-

DISEASE.	TOTAL CASES NOTIFIED.	TOTAL DEATHS.
Small Pox.....	-	-
Scarlet Fever.....	3	-
Diphtheria.....	-	-
Enteric Fever.....	-	-
Pneumonia.....	-	-
Cerebro Spinal Fever.....	-	-
Measles.....	7	-
Whooping Cough.....	-	-
Erysipelas.....	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia.....	-	-
Opthalmia Neonatorum.....	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis.....	-	-
Dysentery.....	-	-
Mumps Meningitis.....	-	-
Food Poisoning.....	-	-
Typhoid & Paratyphoid.....	-	-

TUBERCULOSIS

Tabulated New Cases for 1965

Age Groups	Respiratory		Non-Pulmonary.		Total.
	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Under 1.....	-	-	-	-	-
1 to 5.....	-	-	-	-	-
6 to 10.....	-	-	-	-	-
11 to 25.....	-	-	-	-	-
26 to 35.....	-	-	-	-	-
36 to 45.....	-	-	-	-	-
46 to 55.....	1	-	-	-	1
56 to 65.....	-	-	-	-	-
65 and over.....	-	-	-	-	-

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS)

(Arranged according to age)

DISEASE.	Under 1	1 to 2	2 to 4	5 to 9	10 to 14	15 to 44	45 to 64	65 Plus	Total
Small Pox.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever.....	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	3
Diphtheria.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Enteric Fever.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cerebro Spinal Fever.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles.....	-	-	1	6	-	-	-	-	7
Whooping Cough.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Opthalmia Neonatorum.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mumps Meningitis.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Typhoid & Paratyphoid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	-	-	1	8	1	-	-	-	10

DIPHTHERIA.

Diphtheria Prophylactic Antigen is used by Medical Practitioners for the immunisation of children in the area.

The County Council offer immunisation in the Child Welfare Clinic at Penley. Standard practice is early protection beginning at three months with Diphtheria Pertissus Prophylactic, in addition many school children are given booster inoculations in schools at the age of 5/6 years.

POLIOMYELITIS IMMUNISATION.

Good progress has again been maintained in Polio immunisation. The oral vaccine is now used, with great success.

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF THE HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA.

LABORATORY FACILITIES.

The Bacteriological examination of water, milk, ice-cream and other foods is carried out at the Public Health Laboratory, Chester.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

These facilities are under the control of the Flintshire County Council who have stationed a vehicle in the Maelor District.

HOSPITALS.

Infectious Diseases:	Wrexham Isolation Hospital.
General:	Hospitals outside the County are used for General Cases:-
	Royal Infirmary, Chester. Wrexham War Memorial Hospital. Maelor General Hospital, Wrexham. Ellesmere Cottage Hospital. Whitchurch Cottage Hospital.

MATERNITY.

Patients are admitted when necessary to a Maternity Hospital at Wrexham, this being outside the County.

CLINICS.

A Maternity and Child Welfare Clinic is held at Penley on the first and third Thursday in every month where, as in previous years, valuable help has been provided by a Ladies Voluntary Committee to whom I would once again like to express my appreciation.

APPENDIX

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR 1965 FOR THE RURAL DISTRICT OF MAELOR IN THE COUNTY OF FLINTSHIRE.

Prescribed particulars on the administration of the Factories Act, 1937.

PART I OF THE ACT.

1. INSPECTIONS for the purpose of provisions as to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspector).

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	14	22	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	3	6	-	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority, (Excluding out-workers premises)	1	1	-	-
TOTAL	18	29	-	-

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found.

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found. Found (2)	Remedied (3)	To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
Want of Cleanliness (S.1.)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Out-work)	-	-	-	-	-
Total.	-	-	-	-	-

PART VIII OF THE ACT

OUTWORK

(Sections 110 and 111)

There are no outworkers in the District.

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To the Chairman and Members of the Maelor Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit my seventh Annual Report on the work of the Public Health Department.

Once again, a considerable amount of time has been devoted to Housing and progress is being maintained with the repair and reconditioning of properties. In a rural area a great problem is faced with unfit houses and unless one is careful the character of villages can be completely destroyed by the process of demolition of unfit properties which are replaced with Council Houses. It is for this reason that every effort is made to persuade owners to carry out reconditioning programmes.

As will be seen from my report, all the varied aspects of the environmental health service are being dealt with,

Dr. A. Carhcart retired in July and I would like to express my appreciation for his help and encouragement during the period I worked with him. He was succeeded by Dr. D. J. Fraser to whom I express my sincere thanks for his valuable assistance.

Finally, I would like to express my appreciation of the support received from the Council, and of the help extended to me by the officers and staff of the Council.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

S.J.V.JAMES.

Public Health Inspector.

Tabulated Summary of Sanitary Administration.

Total number of inspections made	3175
Total number of complaints received	39
Total number of interviews with owners etc	352

CLOSETS.

Number of water closet compartments cleansed	-
Number of water closets repaired or reconstructed	5
Number of flushing cisterns repaired or renewed	5
Number of new water closet pans or pedestals provided	36

DRAINS.

Drains constructed or reconstructed	48
Repaired or cleansed	12
Ventilated	-
New inspection chambers	124
Tests to existing drains	29
Tests to new drains	48
New sinks fitted	23
Sink waste pipes repaired or renewed	4

FACTORIES.

Number of Factories in District (Mech)	17
Number of Factories in District (Non-Mech)	3
Number of inspections made	29
Number of contraventions found	-
Number of contraventions remedied	-
Number of contraventions outstanding at end of year	-

INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

Number of investigations carried out	5

OFFENSIVE TRADES.

Number of businesses in District	-

RODENT CONTROL.

The number of infestations reported and discovered as a result of surveys carried out during the year shows a decrease over the previous year. The majority of these infestations have been dealt with by this department, the remainder having been treated privately.

Number of premises inspected.....	296
Number of premises found to be infested.....	51
Number of visits made.....	571

REFUSE COLLECTION.

This service continued to operate satisfactorily during the year, regular collections having been maintained, and despite the increasing number of houses in the district no difficulties have been experienced.

Controlled tipping is carried out at the Council's tip at Penley and conditions are satisfactory. Regular surveys are carried out to check any possible rat infestation and during the summer months the tip is treated with dressing to prevent any fly nuisance.

Number of new dustbins provided by informal action.....	35
Number of new dustbins provided by Statutory action.....	-
Approx: amount of refuse collected during year.....	520

SANITARY DEFECTS REMEDIED.

Dampness.

Number of roofs repaired or renewed.....	10
Number of rainwater gutters and downspouts repaired or renewed.....	8
Yard surfaces repaired or relaid.....	3
Yard drainage improved.....	2

Interior Work.

Number of rooms cleansed.....	-
Number of walls repaired.....	17
Number of ceilings repaired.....	15
Number of floors repaired.....	10
Number of chimney stacks repaired or rebuilt.....	6

Sanitary Defects Remedied (Cont'd.)

Number of firegrates repaired or renewed.....	10
Dampness remedied.....	15
Offensive accumulations removed.....	-
Number of doors and windows repaired or renewed.....	29
Number of staircases repaired.....	11
Ventilation improved.....	8
Sufficient water supply provided.....	1

SMOKE ABATEMENT.

There are two factory chimneys in the District, one being an aluminum smelting works and the other a brick works. Both boiler plants are oil-fired. In addition to these there are several oilfired plants at schools and churches and at the Penley Hospital there are three sectional boilers which are coal fired.

There were no nuisances from these plants during the year.

CARAVANS.

There are 3 licensed sites in the District, one of these being a holiday site licensed for 15 caravans and the other two are single residential caravans. The Holiday site is very well organised and fulfills a need for holiday makers travelling through the District on route to the North Wales resorts, who wish to spend a few days in this area.

All sites received frequent visits and all are satisfactory.

WATER SUPPLY.

The Council is the water undertaking for the District with the exception of Bangor Isycoed, which is supplied by the Wrexham and East Denbighshire Water Company. There are also a number of small private supplies in the area, which the Council try to take over as the opportunity arises.

The Council's water is supplied by the Liverpool Corporation whose main aqueduct passes through the District. All supplies are regularly tested and are satisfactory.

The percentage of properties in the District provided with a piped water supply was increased slightly to 96.5%. We have now reached the hardcore of isolated properties and future increases in percentage of supply will inevitably be much slower, although this will be counteracted to a degree by the fact that a number of these properties are scheduled for action under the Housing Act.

The distribution of supplies is given in the following table:-

Parish	Population	No. of Houses with piped supply	No. using Standpipes	% with piped supply.
Bangor	593	182	-	98.6
Bettisfield	271	89	-	97.7
Bronington	491	166	-	92.1
Halghton	309	89	-	92.7
Hanmer	323	98	-	97.0
Iscoyd	382	106	-	96.3
Overton	1043	356	4	98.2.
Penley	680	112	-	98.2
Tybroughton	164	49	-	98.0
Willington	273	93	-	97.8
Worthenbury	331	110	-	94.9

Number of samples taken for examination..... 25
Number of samples satisfactory..... 25
Number of samples unsatisfactory..... -

SEWERAGE AND SEAGE DISPOSAL.

The Overton scheme has not yet commenced and it is now anticipated that work will start early in 1967.

One again I feel I must emphasise the urgent and growing need for main drainage schemes in the smaller villages in the District. As development increases and more applications are received for Discretionary and Standard Grants, the problem of providing satisfactory drainage is becoming exceedingly difficult. Certain areas are unsuitable for septic tank drainage due to outcropping of clay and as a result of this, house owners find that tanks are not operating satisfactorily, and make illegal discharges into the nearest ditch. More and more time is being taken up investigating complaints of polluted ditches and advising people on the best methods of disposal. I would ask the Council to seriously consider this problem as one of urgency throughout the District.

HOUSING.

The year saw the completion of the first phase of the Parkside Estate, in Overton, and this has meant that the five year Slum Clearance programme for the parish has been completed.

Negotiations have commenced to obtain land in Bangor, Hanmer, and Worthenbury and when these estates are completed, a substantial part of our Slum Clearance programme will have been completed.

Quite a number of individual unfit houses have been salvaged by reconditioning with the aid of grants and loans from the Council, and this policy of encouraging and persuading owners to carry out these works appears to be well worthwhile, although a large amount of time is taken up in interviewing and advising owners.

No Improvement Areas have as yet been declared. It was considered during the year to recommend the making of such an area in Bangor, but the response of owners has been most gratifying since the sewerage scheme was completed and it was felt that compulsion at the present stage was unnecessary.

There was a slight decrease in the number of Improvement Grant applications during the year. There were two more applications for Discretionary Grants but 6 fewer applications for Standard Grants than last year. The position however can be regarded as very satisfactory as the total number of applications approved to date is 125 Standard and 69 Discretionary Grants. This is a percentage of 13.0%.

Number of Discretionary Grant applications received.....	8
Number of applications approved.....	8
Total amount of Discretionary Grants approved.....	£2973
Number of improvements completed during the year.....	6
Number of Standard Grant applications received.....	13
Number of applications approved.....	13
Number completed during the year.....	12
Total amount paid to owners during the year,,,,,.....	£1568

Standard Amenities provided:-

Baths.....	11
Washbasins.....	11
Hot Water Supply...	11
Water Closets.....	11
Food Stores.....	5

Housing Applications.

At the end of the year there were 197 applicants for Council Houses on the waiting list. Of these, 80 were living in apartments (19 outside the District) and 117 householders (30 outside the district)

REMEDY OF DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES.

Number of informal notices erved..... 17

Number of dwellings where defects were redmedied in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority of their officers..... 18

A. Action under the Public Health Act. Section 93.

(1) Number of dwellings in respect of which Abatement Notices were served requiring defects to be remedied..... -

(2) Number of dwellings in which defects were remedied after service of Formal Notices..... -

Section 45.

(1) Number of dwellings in respect of which notices were served requiring defective water closets to be repaired..... -

(2) Number of dwellings where defective water closets were repaired after service of Formal Notices..... -

Section 39.

(1) Number of dwellings in respect of which notices were served for the renewing or repairing of existing drains..... - -

(2) Number of dwellings where existing drains were renewed or repaired after service of Formal Notices..... -

Section 138 and Water Act 1945 - Section 30.

(1) Number of dwellings in respect of which notices were served requesting owner to provide water supply in pipes,..... -

(2) Number of dwellings in which water supply was provided after service of Formal Notice..... -

B. Proceedings under Section 9 of the Housing Act, 1957.

(1) Number of dwellings in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs..... -

(2) Number of dwellings which were rendered fit after service of Formal Notice..... -

(3) Number of Notices outstanding at end of year..... -

C. Proceedings under Sections 16 and 17 of the Housing Act 1957.

(1) Number of dwellings in respect of which notices were served under Section 16..... -

(2) Number of dwellings in respect of which Closing Orders were made..... -

(3) Number of dwellings in respect of which Demolition Orders were made..... -

(4) Number of dwellings demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders..... -

(5) Number of dwellings rendered fit in consequence of Undertaking given by owner..... -

(6) Number of dwellings in respect of which Undertaking from Owner accepted not to relet house for human habitation.. -

D. Overcrowding.

(1) Number of dwellings overcrowded at end of year.....Not Known.

(2) Number of new cases reported during the year..... 2

(3) Number of cases relieved during the year..... 2
Number of persons concerned in such cases..... 12

(4) Number of houses visited in connection with Overcrowding Survey..... 104

RENT ACT, 1957.

Details of work during the year are as follows:-

No. of applications for Certificates of Disrepair.....	1
No. of Decisions not to issue Certificates.....	-
No. of Proposals to issue.....	1
No. of Undertakings received.....	-
No. of Certificates of Disrepair issued.....	1
No. of Cancellations applied for.....	1
No. of Cancellations issued.....	1

THE OFFICES SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963.

TABLE 'A' - REGISTRATIONS AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS.

Class of Premises.	No. of premises registered during the year.	Total No. of registered premises at end of year.	No. of registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year.
Offices	Nil	4	4
Retail Shops	"	10	10
Wholesale shops, warehouses	"	Nil	Nil
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	"	2	2
Fuel storage depots	"	Nil	Nil

TABLE 'B' - NO. OF VISITS OF ALL KINDS BY INSPECTORS TO REGISTERED PREMISES.

A total of 38 visits were made.

THE OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963 (Cont'd.)

TABLE 'C' - ANALYSIS OF PERSONS EMPLOYED IN REGISTERED PREMISES BY WORKPLACE.

Class of workplace	No. of persons employed
Offices	4
Retail shops	27
Wholesale departments, warehouses	-
Catering establishments open to public	7
Canteens	-
Fuel storage depots	-
Total	38
Total Males	15
Total Females	23

PETROLEUM REGULATIONS.

There are at present 46 premises within the District licensed to store Petroleum Spirit. Of these 12 are filling stations and the remainder are farms and business premises.

There were no contraventions during the year.

SUPERVISION OF FOOD SUPPLIES.

The following table gives details of the number and type of food premises within the District, and the number of inspections made during the year.

Type of premises.	No. in District	No. of inspections
Bakehouses	1	4
Butchers shops	3	39
Cafes & Snack Bars	4	42
Dairies & Milk Shops	3	4
Fried Fish Shops	1	4
Fruit & Greengrocers	5	24
General Provisions	19	118
Hotels & Public Houses	9	19
Ice-cream premises	18	79
Other Food Premises	3	15

Once again Food Hygiene has taken up a large portion of the work of the department during the year. The standard of hygiene is generally good and only minor contraventions of the Regulations have been found. Considerable improvements and alterations have been carried out at a number of premises and these have been carried out in consultation with this Department.

MILK SAMPLING.

Routine sampling of milk continued during the year and I give below the results of this sampling.

Total number of samples taken..... 38

(1) School Milk (Pasteurised)
Total number of samples taken..... 8
Total number of samples satisfactory..... 8
Total number submitted to Phosphatase Test..... 8
Number found to be satisfactory..... 8

(2) Designated Milks other than School Milks.
Pasteurised Milk.
Number of samples taken..... 7. Number satisfactory.....7
Tuberculin Tested Milk.
Number of samples taken..... 10 Number satisfactory....10
T.T/Pasteurised Milk.
Number of samples taken..... 6 Number satisfactory.....6
Sterilised Milk.
Number of samples taken..... 7 Number satisfactory.....7

(3) Biological Testing for Tubercle Bacilli.

Four of the samples submitted for bacteriological examination were also examined for the presence of Tubercle Bacilli with negative results.

During the year an outbreak of Brucella Abortus was reported in a herd in Willington Parish. The farmer in question ran a small retail round and a dairy in Malpas, in Tarvin R. D. C. and a large proportion of his sales consisted of raw T. T. milk. Immediately on receipt of this information group samples were taken from the herd and subsequently individual samples, 38 samples were taken and ultimately four infected animals were identified. A notice under Section 20 of the Milk and Dairies Regulations 1959 had been served by the Medical Officer of Health prohibiting the sale of untreated milk and the farmer complied with this Order. Subsequently he sold his retail business and all milk from his herd now goes for heat treatment.

The unsatisfactory aspect of this incident is that we had no powers to compel the farmer to remove the infected animals from the herd and even if he had done so there is no guarantee the same animals would not have re-appeared in another herd in the District and the same proceedure gone through once again.

I would like to thank Mr. Lewis, the County Health Officer, for ready and willing assistance in dealing with this outbreak.

ICE-CREAM.

There are 18 premises registered for the sale of Ice-cream. Several mobile vendors visit the District and are frequently inspected.

The following samples were taken during the year:-

Bacteriological....16 Results:- Grade I - 15; Grade II - 1.

FOOD INSPECTION (Cont)

Details of foodstuffs condemned.

Ham.....	49 lbs.
Bacon.....	25 lbs.
Sausage.....	12 lbs.
Poultry.....	24 lbs.
Frozen Veg:.....	50 lbs.
Fish.....	90 lbs.

MEAT INSPECTION.

Conditions in the three private slaughterhouses in the District continue to be satisfactory

Arrangements were made with Mr. H. C. D. Jones a retired Public Health Inspector from Wrexham for assistance in meat inspection duties during periods of leave etc., and I would like to express my thanks to him for his valuable assistance in ensuring 100% inspection.

The Number of animals slaughtered is given in the table below.

	CATTLE EXCLUDING COWS.	COWS	SHEEP AND LAMBS	PIGS	CALVES
Number Slaughtered	218	-	886	468	2
Number inspected	218	-	886	468	2
Disease Except Tuberculosis.					
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	1	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	10	-	14	11	-
Percentage of No. inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis	4.5%	-	1.7%	2.3%	-
Tuberculosis.					
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage of No. inspected affected with Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-
CYSTICERCOSIS	NO CASES				

Total weight of meat condemned during the year:-

	Cwts.	Qtr.	Lbs.
Tuberculosis	-	-	-
Other Diseases	2	-	8
TOTAL	2	-	8